

Virginia Department of Education *Board Highlights*



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Board of Education Adopts Optional Leadership Curriculum *Top Business, Political, Education, and Military Leaders Endorse Curriculum*

The Board of Education approved an optional K-12 leadership curriculum at its June 20 meeting in Richmond. Development of the curriculum, *Linking Leadership to Instruction, A Leadership Development Curriculum for Virginia Public Schools*, was overseen by a 27-member committee comprised of a virtual "who's who" of Virginia leaders in business, politics, education, and the military.

"Children in our public schools will benefit from the study of leadership. With the adoption of this curriculum we have taken a great step toward that goal," said Mr. Schroder. "I am very grateful to the members of the Leadership Development Committee who gave of their valuable time to help develop this exciting new curriculum." Mr. Schroder served as chairman of the committee.

Development of the optional curriculum began in January, when the Leadership Development Committee met to identify qualities and skills essential to successful leadership. A team of curriculum specialists and teachers led by Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patricia Wright then developed the draft curriculum. The curriculum will serve as a model for local school divisions.

The goals of the curriculum include developing in every student an awareness of his or her leadership potential, fostering the development of skills that enable students to act responsibly, developing citizens who are able to meet the challenges of a global society, and providing students with opportunities to learn and practice leadership within the school setting.

"This curriculum identifies ways the academic content and skills currently taught in our schools can support the development of leadership at every grade-level," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary. "Lessons in leadership development are embedded throughout the Standards of Learning. This curriculum presents those lessons and includes activities that will help students develop leadership skills."

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Consent Agenda

- Final review of recommendations concerning release of Literary Fund loans for placement on waiting list.
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans.
- Final review of financial report of Literary Fund.
- First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for regulations governing the re-enrollment plan for students who were served in correctional facilities.
- First review of a request from Southampton County Public Schools concerning a literary fund loan (moved from regular agenda).
- First review of appointments and reappointments to the Accountability Advisory Committee (moved from regular agenda).

Resolutions and Recognitions

- Recognition of the Board of Education's Task Force on Adult Education and Literacy.

Discussion and Action Items

ITEM	ACTION
Presentation of the final report of the Task Force on Adult Education and Literacy	The board accepted the report.
Resolution on family literacy	The board adopted the resolution recognizing the importance of family literacy programs.
Resolution on proposed family literacy grant program	The board adopted the resolution supporting the development of a family literacy grant program.
Resolution on proposed state family literacy center	The board adopted the resolution supporting the establishment of a state family literacy center.
Resolution on establishment and operation of the Adult Education and Literacy Committee of the Board of Education	The board adopted the resolution designating the Task Force on Adult Education and Literacy as the Adult Education and Literacy Committee of the Board of Education.
First review of the Board of Education's Leadership Development Curriculum	The board waived first review and adopted the curriculum on final review.
First review of a request from Pulaski County Public Schools for a waiver of the provision in the Regulations Establishing Standards of Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia	The board accepted the request for first review.
First review of Standards of Learning cut scores	The board requested that the Superintendent of Public Instruction recommend a procedure for the review and adjustment of the scores.

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Discussion and action items (cont.)

Report on the results of the second Commonwealth Education Poll conducted for the Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute by the VCU Center for Public Policy	The board received the report.
Report of the Joint Task Force on the K-12 Teaching Profession in Virginia	The board received the report and requested that the task force recommend a list of qualified persons representing various constituencies to serve on a permanent advisory panel.
Status update on revisions to the Teacher Resource Guide for History and Social Science	The board was advised that the revised Teacher Resource Guide for History and Social Science would be ready for final review at the July meeting.

Public Comment

- Mickey VanDerwerker discussed the Standards of Learning tests.

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